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PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Marsh. Senator Marsh is passing. Senator Savage?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President, I want to add my support to Senator Mahoney's motion. We need to provide education to prepare our young people for jobs. This is a step in the right direction and I want to add my support to this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I too want to rise in support of this amendment. We have made the decision to support these schools. Now, I think we should do it with dollars and I think this is a step in the right direction and I support it wholeheartedly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes and then Senator Moylan.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Mahoney, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Mahoney, is this just five hundred thousand dollars?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, for land acquisition and planning. You have to have that before your building goes up and you have to buy the land. We are talking about two or three different sites.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Mahoney, as I read in the papers, P. J. Morgan says it costs 10 percent of the cost of a building for planning and detailed drawings. I am surprised that we are asking for only five hundred thousand. It should be one million, five hundred thousand. So, Senator Mahoney, while this is good, it isn't nearly good enough.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, I wish to support Senator Mahoney on this amendment. This school benefits the whole State of Nebraska because there are many young people who come into Omaha looking for work and they are not qualified and if there isn't a place there to train them for a position, they are in bad shape. We need a school there in the metropolitan area.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, do you want to be heard on an issue here?

SENATOR STAHMER: I think I will pass.

PRESIDENT: Alright, I think we have had enough discussion on it. Once again, the Chair is in a really tight spot between a rock and a hard place because number one I understand the procedure and I understand that there has been discussion that these things have happened before on other bills. We will say that the speaker can challenge the germaneness, of course, of an amendment. I think in order to be consistent and I would be inconsistent if I did not rule this way, I am going to rule that this Mahoney amendment is out of order also. Again, the Chair understands that it may be challenged and again I mention that LB 94 is a narrowly written bill that applies to the University of Omaha and its physical education plant and we will go from that point. Now then, Senator Mahoney.